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**You should answer the Problem 1 directly on this sheet. Please write your name on the exam and return it with the blue book. Do the rest of the problems in the blue book.** The points total 150.

$\text{CLIQUE} = \{\langle G, k \rangle : G \text{ is an undirected graph, } k > 0, \text{ and there are some } k \text{ nodes of } G \text{ of which every pair is connected by an edge of } G\}$ .  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ ,  $D$  is a DFA, and  $M$  is a Turing machine throughout.

PROBLEM 1 (24 points)

Fill the blank entries of the following table with YES, NO, or ?? (“currently unknown”). No explanations needed.

Language:	regular	context-free	recursive	r.e.	P	NP
$\{a^i b^j c^k : i \cdot j = k\}$						
$\Sigma^* - a^* b^*$						
CLIQUE						
$\{\langle D_1, D_2 \rangle : L(D_1) = L(D_2)\}$						

PROBLEM 2 (21 points)

Which of the following classes of languages are closed under union? In each case, give a counterexample and justify it, or explain why the class is closed.

- (A) The class containing all languages that are either finite or co-finite.
- (B) The class of languages that are context-free but not regular.
- (C) The class of recursive languages.

PROBLEM 3 (15 points)

Draw a DFA that accepts all and only strings ending in  $aba$ .

PROBLEM 4 (10 points)

Draw a diagram showing the relations among these language classes: recursive, r.e., co-r.e., P, NP, NP-complete, co-NP,

- (A) on the assumption that  $P = NP$ ;
- (B) on the assumption that  $P \neq NP$

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PROBLEM 5 (5+10 points)

- (A) Is  $aabb \in \{ww^R : w \in \Sigma^*\}^*$ ?
- (B) Write a context-free grammar that generates this language.

PROBLEM 6 (20 points)

Which of the following languages are recursive? Why or why not?

- (A)  $\{\langle M, w, k \rangle : M \text{ uses more than } k \text{ tape squares when computing on input } w\}$
- (B)  $\{\langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is recursive}\}$
- (C)  $\{\langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is countable}\}$
- (D)  $\{\langle M \rangle : L(M) = \{ww : w \in \Sigma^*\}\}$

PROBLEM 7 (20 points)

Let  $G$  be an undirected graph and let  $k$  be a positive integer. Let  $Q$  be the set of all pairs  $\langle G, k \rangle$  such that there is a set of  $k$  nodes of  $G$ , no two of which are connected by an edge of  $G$ . Show that  $Q$  is NP-complete. Hint: Reduce CLIQUE to this problem.

PROBLEM 8 (10+5+10 points)

- (A) Show that there is a polynomial-time algorithm  $A_2$  for determining whether a Boolean formula has a satisfying truth assignment in which exactly 2 of the Boolean variables are true.
- (B) Show that there is a similar polynomial-time algorithm  $A_k$  for any  $k \geq 0$ , which determines whether a formula can be made true by making exactly  $k$  of its variables true.
- (C) Then why isn't the following procedure a polynomial-time algorithm for SAT? "Given a formula  $F$  with  $n$  variables, sequentially apply  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n$  to  $F$  and accept if one of the  $A_i$  accepts."